



THE EXECUTIVE VIEW

AWEC Will Celebrate Fifteenth Anniversary in Raleigh, North Carolina

AWEC's 2011 Annual Membership Training Institute will be held September 16-18, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek in Raleigh, NC.

In keeping with AWEC's fifteenth anniversary, our conference theme is: ***Cherishing Our Past: Designing Our Future.***

Attendees are encouraged to make room reservations at the Embassy Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/Brier Creek as soon as possible. Conference rates will be honored three days before and after the conference dates.

See page 6 for hotel information

During the day on Friday, September 16, AWEC will host its fifth Emerging Executive Training Institute and its annual Board of Directors meeting. The conference begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday with a reception of AWEC Members and graduates of the E2 session and continues through the Legacy

Brunch and AWEC Business Meeting on Sunday.

On Friday afternoon, early birds will be able to take advantage of Raleigh's attractions. Check this website: www.visitRaleigh.com for some great ideas.



2011 Emerging Executive (E2) Training Institute

AWEC is proud to sponsor the Fifth Annual Emerging Executives Training Institute to be held Friday, September 16 at the conference site in Raleigh, NC. Attendance is by application.

This day long executive leadership training is open to women at a mid-management level in any corrections field, including but not limited to probation, parole, community corrections, jails, and prisons. Committed to a philosophy of "EACH ONE... TEACH ONE," AWEC utilizes the rich experience of its senior membership, who are top level executive women, as featured speakers in the Emerging Executive Training Institute.

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Due Date for E2 Applications : August 1, 2011

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“EACH ONE...TEACH ONE”

Standing Committee Chairs 2009-2011

AWARDS: Develop, screen nominees and select winners of AWEC Awards.

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The AWEC Executive Committee and Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to all of our Committee chairpersons and members for their continuing efforts on behalf of the membership. AWEC members are invited to support and become actively involved in committee activities. If you're interested in serving on one of AWEC's committees, please contact the committee's chair.

Deadline is August 25, 2011

for

All Hotel Reservations

AWEC Member Conference Registrations Due August 15

(E2 Applications are due by August 1, 2011)



Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Retired will be a featured speaker at the AWEC Conference in Raleigh. General Vaught is one of the most decorated military woman in US history. Her numerous military decorations and awards include both the Defense and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, Air Force Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal as well as several medals related to service in Viet Nam.

She is President of the Board of Directors of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc. She speaks around the United States on Leadership and Management and is a frequent guest on radio and television programs.

President's Note

Dear AWEC Members,

Summer is well on its way and I am very excited about our Fifteenth Anniversary Fall Conference and plans for both E2 and our membership institute. More details will be included in our late summer newsletter and the website.

Last month our Executive Committee met in Raleigh for our mid-year planning meeting. We are so pleased you are coming to Raleigh. The Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek is lovely. Our program committee is working very hard to offer sessions which will be appealing to all attendees.

I hope you are all planning to attend this upcoming meeting in North Carolina, September 16-18, 2011. I suggest you take some extra time for your visit so you can enjoy Raleigh and the surrounding area. It is a wonderful place to visit in the fall. Be sure to check out www.visitraleigh.com.

All the committee chairs are working with their committees on reviewing the strategic plan objectives and making revisions as needed. I thank all of you who have agreed to serve and do this important work for AWEC.

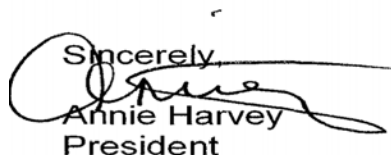
I am excited to announce our 2011 Award Recipients. I can think of no more deserving candidates than these two outstanding women. Sharon Johnson Rion, an AWEC Past President, is the 2011 Susan Hunter Award Recipient. Dr. Mary Livers, AWEC Past President will be receiving our 2011 Legacy Award. Please join us in Raleigh to help us celebrate their contributions to AWEC and the field of corrections.

On August 8, 2011 at the ACA Conference in Kissimmee, FL, AWEC will be holding its bi-annual update meeting. Kit and I hope to see many of you there. Also, Kathy Waters and Francine Perretta will be meeting with people at the APPA Conference in Chicago in July.

We are happy to announce that the WWIC&JJ Conference will be in Little Rock, Arkansas in September 2012. There is a dynamic committee working to make this conference spectacular. As in the past, AWEC will hold its annual conference immediately before the WWIC&JJ Conference.

I consider it a privilege and honor to serve as president of AWEC. I encourage you to reach out to eligible young women in your organizations and welcome them into the AWEC fold. As we celebrate our conference theme, "Cherishing Our Past: Designing Our Future," I am confident there are great things ahead for AWEC.

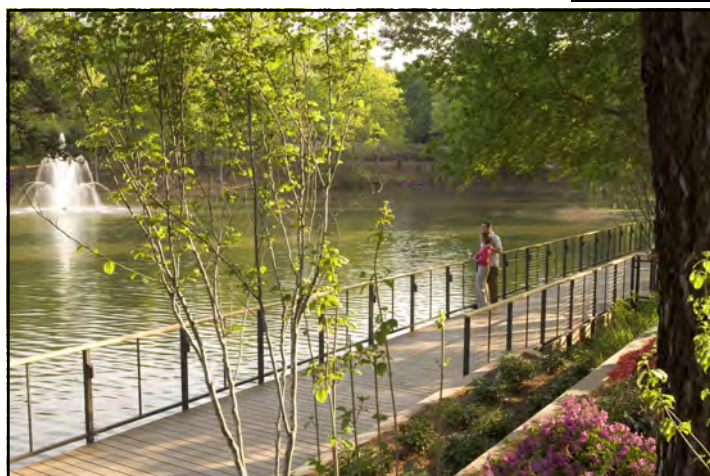
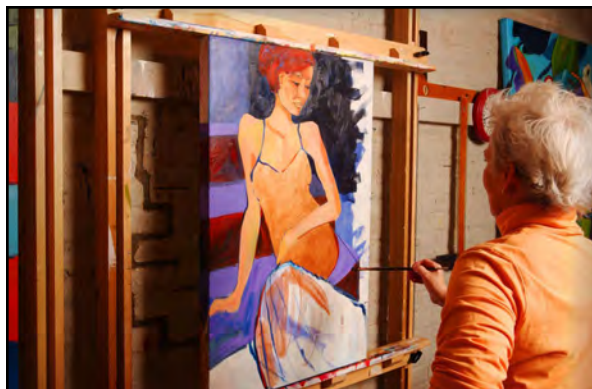


Sincerely,

Annie Harvey
President



DID YOU KNOW? Among the original thirteen colonies, North Carolina was the first to vote for independence from England. North Carolina became the first colony to declare its complete independence from Britain in 1776 in the document entitled the Halifax Resolves, drawn up after the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge. *Amazing North Carolina, T. Jensen Lacey*

Why Not Spend a Few Extra Days in North Carolina? Visit Raleigh, the City of Oaks, with Your AWEC Family!



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Session at APPA Training Institute:

**“The Good, the Bad, the Ugly:
Lessons of Women’s Leadership from Trailblazers**

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

11:00 AM—12:30 PM

**APPA’s 36th Annual Training Institute
Chicago, IL
Gender Issues Committee Meeting**

Saturday, July 23, 2011

3:00—4:00 PM

2011 AWEC Membership Training Institute . . .

FRIDAY, September 16, 2011

8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 am to 5:00 pm E2 Training Institute
1:30 pm to 4:15 pm Board of Directors Meeting
1:00—5:00 p.m. Registration
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Early Bird Fun—Enjoy Raleigh
5:00—7:00 p.m. Reception of AWEC Members/E2

SATURDAY, September 17, 2011

7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast & Networking
8:30-9:00 a.m. Call to Order: President's Opening Remarks, Welcome by NC Dignitaries
9:15-10:45 a.m. Panel of Charter Members

10:45 -11:00 a.m. Break
11:00- 11:45 a.m. Keynote– Wilma Vaught, Brigadier General, USAF, Retired
12:00—1:30 p.m. Susan Hunter Award Luncheon
1:30-1:45 p.m. Break
1:45-3:00 p.m. Viki Sharp Encore
3:00-3:15 p.m. Break
3:15-4:15 p.m. Panel:
4:15-4:30 p.m. *Wrap-Up*
5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Reception
Dinner on Your Own! Enjoy Raleigh!

SUNDAY September 18, 2011

8:45—10:15 a.m.
Legacy Brunch and Award Presentation
Guest Speaker, Gwen Chunn
10:30—12:00 p.m.
AWEC Business Meeting and Closing Remarks

**Dress is
Business Casual!**

2011 Emerging Executive (E2) Training Institute continued . . .

The registration fee for E2 is \$75.00. A copy of the application form for Approval to Attend the AWEC Emerging Executive Training Institute is available on page 8 of this newsletter. This form may also be downloaded on the Download page of AWEC's website at <http://www.awec.us>.

Rooms are available at the Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek at the conference rate of \$104 for singles and doubles. All travel expenses will be the

responsibility of participants and/or their employers. Hotel information is on pg. 6.

Participants of the Emerging Executives Training Institute are expected to attend the entire day's agenda. Graduates of the Institute are invited to attend a reception on Friday evening from 5-7:00 to meet and network with AWEC membership. The Emerging Executive Training Institute precedes the Annual AWEC Membership Training Institute September 16-18, 2011.

**Remember the deadline
for applications for
Approval to Attend is
August 1, 2011**



**Denver
E2
Class
of
2010**

AWEC Conference Hotel

Embassy Suites

Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek

8001 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

Phone: 919-572-2200 Fax: 919-572-2229

CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

The AWEC 2011 Fall Training Institute for members will be held from Friday, September 16 through noon Sunday, September 18 at the **Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek**. E2 training session will be on Friday, September 16.

ROOM RATES/RESERVATIONS:

The Embassy Suites AWEC Conference room rate for 1-4 people is \$104 plus state & occupancy tax which is 13.75%. The AWEC rate is available three days before and after the conference dates.

Be sure to identify yourself as part of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections. For reservations, call 1-800-EMBASSY or the hotel directly at 919-572-2200

CUT-OFF DATE- MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY:

The cut off date for reservations is **5 p.m. August 25, 2011**. After that date we cannot guarantee conference rates will apply.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT :

The Embassy Suites check-out time is 12:00 p.m. The Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based on guestroom availability.

GUESTROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE POLICY:

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night deposit or guaranteed by a major credit card or by the Group. The Hotel will not hold the reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Complimentary High Speed Internet Access in all Group Guestrooms. Complimentary 24/7 BusinessLink Business Center. Complimentary light snack and your favorite beverage at Manager's Reception nightly. Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast.

PARKING/TRANSPORTATION:

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Hilton HHonors::

It may be to your advantage to sign up for Hilton HHonors prior to your stay: HiltonHHonors.com

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN OUR LATE SUMMER NEWSLETTER IN THE COMING WEEKS

2012 WWIC&JJ Conference

September 16-19, 2012

Little Rock, Arkansas

www.womenincorrections.info

Vicki C. Sharp to Give Encore Presentation for E2 and AWEC

AWEC is pleased to announce that Viki C. Sharp will be presenting at the E2 Training in Raleigh. She will also give a presentation to AWEC members on Saturday, September 17.

Ms Sharp has spent more than 35 years as a crime victim advocate. During her tenure as Pima County Attorney's Victim Witness Program, Viki led the program to international acclaim.

Viki's educational background includes a B.S. in Education and M.Ed. in Counseling and Guidance from University of Arizona. She served several terms on the executive board of the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services, the executive board of NOVA (National Organization for Victim Assistance) and the Arizona Governor's Commission on Violence Against Women.

Viki worked as Employee Assistance Program Administrator for the Arizona Department of Corrections for five years where she created and oversaw prevention and crisis response programs for more than 10,000 employees. Currently she serves as Director of Victim Services for the New York City Department of Corrections

ACA Summer Congress of Corrections Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Kissimmee, FL

WWIC Reception

Monday, August 8, 2011

5:00—6:30 pm

Sun Ballroom C (Palms Ballroom Level)

ACA Summer Congress of Corrections Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Kissimmee, FL

AWEC UPDATE MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2011

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Daytona 2 (Palms Ballroom Level)



REGISTRATION FORM
2011 AWEC Membership Training Institute
Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Brier Creek
September 16-18, 2011

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Preference for Name on Badge: _____
Position/Title: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
Please check if: Food Allergy Vegetarian Need Special Diet
Do you plan to stay for the Sunday brunch which ends at noon? Yes No
Conference Dress is Business Casual

REGISTRATION FEE: \$175 Members
\$275 Members with Outstanding Dues & Eligible Non-Members
Payment Enclosed (Check one): Check Money Order Voucher/Purchase Order
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Checks should be made out to: *Association of Women Executives in Corrections* or AWEC
There will be no refund of registrations after September 1, 2011

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY August 15, 2011 TO:

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NAAWS CALL FOR PAPERS

The 3rd Edition of *A View from the Trenches: A Manual for Wardens by Wardens*



We Want You to share your hard-earned wisdom. It is easy. All it takes is for you to share personal stories and insights gained through your experience as a Warden. These brief, experientially based, manuscripts or papers should not be longer than three (3) single spaced pages, including any charts, citations (note: the use of someone else's thoughts, statements or data will need to be authorized by any copyright holder), or appendices. If you're inspired to do so, two articles can be submitted.

The author must be a current or former Warden or Superintendent, Jail Administrator or head of a Juvenile Facility Microsoft® Word is the preferred format. When submitting your article, please include your full name, title and contact information. If you are retired, please include your title and agency at time of retirement. The documents should be sent electronically to Carl Nink, Executive Director, Management & Training Corporation (MTC) at carl.nink@mtctrains.com who is coordinating the effort on behalf of the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS). This manual will ultimately be published in 2012 by the American Correctional Association (ACA), as has been done with the first two editions.

The short manuscripts or papers may be sent at any time, but will be due no later than **September 7, 2011**. Sharon Johnson Rion and Pam Withrow will serve as editors and promise to preserve your voice when reviewing your paper. If you have any questions or need some help getting started, please call Carl at 801-693-2870.

Gwendolyn Chunn to Speak at Legacy Brunch in Raleigh



Gwendolyn Chunn is the retired Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Institute, Center for Criminal Justice Research and International Initiatives, Department of Criminal Justice, at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Before joining the Institute at NCCU, she held the positions of Executive Management Development Coordinator for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Director of Youth Services (DYS), Department of Health and Human Services from 1989-1999.

Ms. Chunn has been a member of numerous civic and professional commissions, boards, and organizations. After serving as a member of the American Correctional Association Executive Committee for more than a decade, Ms. Chunn was elected President of ACA in August 2004.

Ms. Chunn is the recipient of many awards and honors, most notably, the E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award, ACA's highest award. She has served as a resource for the National Institute of Corrections' Training Academy in Aurora, Colorado for many years.

Mary Bogan de Belmonte Retires

AWEC Vice-President, Mary Bogan de Belmonte, recently retired from her position as Assistant Commissioner after 28 1/2 years with the New York Department of Correctional Services. Sharon Johnson Rion and several other AWEC members attended her retirement celebration. Sharon requested that we share a tribute to Mary given by Helen Bunting-Hart, Mary's fellow NYDOC employee:

"In early morning—while reveille would echo through the sleepy hamlet of Willard—Mary would be tying her sneakers—heading into the facility to join in the P.T. run. Her daily laps gave her first hand observation of the seasons as they evolved—one—into another—into another. But Mary's focus was more with the ever changing cast of runners. In ten years—July 1995 to July 2005—Mary logged countless miles with Superintendents, Captains, Drill instructors, Chaplains, Counselors, parolee platoons, and distinguished visitors to Willard Drug Treatment Campus.....

That's how the tone of the day was set—with a dedication and commitment that was inspiring. You believed in the power and possibility that was Willard. You believed in the power and possibility of your staff. You empowered us. You challenged us. And you inspired us to believe we could be powerful, brilliant—that our commitment to ourselves, our commitment to Willard and our commitment to change—made a difference. We believed excellence mattered and that if at the end of the day we went home with integrity—we had a good day. That's the reason Willard has always been different. It's about your leadership there. It's also about the staff, those who supported your dream your commitment to change—because, as a leader you changed all of us.

The first ten years of Willard flew by. The pace was swift. The days were occupied with staff hiring, program and curriculum development, office and department moves, policies and procedures, reports, treatment folders, committees, meetings, legislative and legal challenges, the media, supplies, training. On September 26, the first parolees arrived—there were 11. Thus began the never ending arrivals and departure of parolees. The pace did not slow. And everywhere on this campus one could find Mary. Her energy and enthusiasm for everything Willard was untiring.

Mary believed in the value of time management and understood that it was as an essential element in running the highly structured Willard program. ASAT groups to begin on time. Platoons to school on time, everyone at Formation on time, and program staff to come to meetings on time. Once several program staff were late a few minutes to a program supervisors meeting. Mary began the meeting by telling those tardy that they owed her a push-up for every minute they were late. The push-ups were done with humor and respect. If Willard taught time-management, then staff had to believe in it. Mary held us accountable and to a high standard. It is intriguing that Mary invested in and valued time management yet seldom wore a watch. On rare occasions she wore a watch—an oversized man's watch—Roberto's—perhaps she wore it on days she needed him near.

Mary operated on full power during the day yet she recognized the need to achieve balance in her life and to replenish for the next day. This recognition of hers for balance and replenishment led to the establishment of the Women in Criminal Justice Committee and Training Day. For all 265 attendees present at the first training—the theme of the day— achieving balance between wellness and career was nothing less than personal. This year the Women in Criminal Justice Committee, continuing in the spirit in which it was created, will hold its 10th annual training day on June 17, 2011. A balance scale continues to serve as the Committee logo.

Mary helped us get organized. She impressed upon us the importance of identifying daily goals and accomplishments by encouraging the use of a Franklin planner. We were challenged to read and discuss books. Mary kept us informed forwarding articles and memos to her program staff—Mary shared with us the infinite capacity for information and learning and a belief that knowledge and learning offered endless benefits to us in our lives and careers. She encouraged staff to stay abreast of and attend training on new developments in addiction treatment, leadership, and skills. Mary was progressive—ahead of her time—mary challenged our thinking and was not adverse to changing things over and over until they were right. She was not afraid to hold a contrary, non-popular opinion. Like the Willard mascot, the wolf, Mary was a fore-runner—the pathfinder of new ideas, one who returns to the clan to teach and share.

Mary shared Willard with us. On any given day while making rounds she would take along one of her program supervisors. We were given exposure to the entire facility and our commitment to Willard expanded from being area specific to a commitment to the entire facility. Mary held staff and parolees accountable and would “pull up” people but also commend them while on rounds. Mary taught us that people we did not get along with were usually our greatest teachers. Just when treatment teams were working well together, Mary would change them up again. Why? Willard teaches change is good because Mary said that staff could and needed to recreate another well working treatment team.

And all the while we were learning, changing, working, going through audits, trainings, we were on a whole other level—in that balance of work and home—DOING LIFE. We were falling in love, getting married, having babies (not necessarily in that order), battling illness, losing someone, falling from recovery. And Mary had a presence with us on this level when we came to work. She knew the names of our children, inquired into the health of loved one who were ill. Mary had a desk drawer full of cards and was generous in writing a personal note to staff—congratulations on a job well-done, a note of encouragement. When a staff member was hospitalized she paid them a visit. And when someone passed away, Mary was there for us, standing strong. She and the Superintendent were present at every funeral—because it mattered.

It was her humanity and love for staff. Her understanding of our strengths and weaknesses, her interactions with us, her challenges, her inspiration, her acknowledgements, her validations that we missed most about her when she went to Summit, Monterey, and to Central Office. The uniqueness of her laughter, her silhouette in PT gear, hands on hips, head slightly bent—stopped in the middle of a hall engaged with a staff member or parolee., the intensity of those eyes.—almost wolf eyes—those are the things that we miss most. Mary—your humanity and empathy ran through and punctuated your interactions with us, for you intuitively knew where your presence would make a difference—that’s where you ran. We were changed with you and because of you.

That’s why tonight belongs to you, Mary. You’ve taught us that life doesn’t count for much unless you’re willing to do your part to make a better world. Even if it’s difficult. Even if the work seems great. Even if we don’t get very far in our lifetime. That is our responsibility. We try. We hope. That is our commitment to change. You said the time had come to move beyond and so we did—turn and face the change. Life is Change—Growth is Optional. “



L to R: Luella Burke, Maureen Buell, Mary Bogan de Belmonte, Francine Perretta, Sharon Johnson Rion

AWEC ANNOUNCES 2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Mary Livers is 2011 AWEC Legacy Award Recipient

Mary Livers, a charter member of AWEC, has been involved in the arena of Women's Leadership for a number of years and has not only supported this effort in every state she has worked in, but also nationally through NIC, ACA, WWIC/JJ and other initiatives.



While employed with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Mary was in the first class of the Executive Women's Leadership at NIC in 1994 and went on to be a founding member of AWEC.

She hosted a WWICJJ conference in Oklahoma and also supported Women's Leadership between different state jurisdictions while in Oklahoma by bringing together women from Oklahoma and Texas. She was involved in the same program by bringing together women from Oklahoma, Tennessee and Louisiana.

When Mary relocated to the State of Maryland, she hosted AWEC in that state and supported and promoted women in Maryland while serving as leader and mentor. After relocating to the State of Louisiana, Mary continued to mentor and support women's leadership and hosted the 2009 AWEC Conference in New Orleans as well.

A Shreveport, Louisiana native, Dr. Livers was named to the position of Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice in October 2008. The Office of Juvenile Justice is a cabinet-level agency whose head, the Deputy Secretary, reports directly to the Governor. Dr. Livers served in three states' corrections agencies for over 30 years before returning to Louisiana. She is Treasurer of the American Correctional Association (ACA), has served a term on its Board of Governors and has served on numerous committees.

Mary has been a leader in corrections, women's leadership, and AWEC where she has supported and mentored many of the members and served in many other capacities. Mary has always supported AWEC's mission, but in Mary's case, she has modeled "Each one, teach MANY." She is truly a living legacy and deserving of AWEC's Legacy Award.

Sharon Johnson Rion to Receive 2011 Susan Hunter Endowment Award



"EACH ONE...TEACH ONE." It is the guiding philosophy and motto of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections. Susan M. Hunter selected AWEC to receive her endowment because of our joint endeavor to bring national recognition to women correctional leaders who have empowered and developed other women in the correctional field.

This year's recipient, Sharon Johnson Rion, has demonstrated over 39 years of working tirelessly to improve the role of women in corrections, by setting a standard of excellence and leading with insight and integrity. Sharon has mentored women, urging many to maintain consistently high standards and assume positions of increased responsibility. Her extensive background in corrections, her commitment, and the positive influence she has made on others throughout her career, truly personify the leadership characteristics which AWEC represents. She has worked with:

- ◆ The Commission on Accreditation for Corrections, as an Assistant Director;
- ◆ The Maryland Department of Public Safety, Division of Corrections as Director of Program Services, and Warden
- ◆ Corrections Corporation of America, as Warden, Project Director, and Director of International Operations; and
- ◆ Her career culminated with her position as President and CEO of TransCor America, a position from which she retired, twice!

- ◆ Additionally, Sharon has served as: President of the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents; Commissioner, for the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections; President, Association of Women Executives in Corrections

But it is not only her impressive career which distinguishes Sharon. This year's solicitation of award nominations returned over 23 letters of support and accolades from Sharon's peers, co-workers, and associates throughout the corrections field. Many of these will be shared on the website and in the conference program.

The Association of Women Executives in Corrections is proud to recognize Sharon Johnson Rion, as the 2011 Susan M. Hunter Award recipient.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS!

WELCOME

2011

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and a new member application
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